

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### KINCIADIE GREEN EARNS EAGLE SCOUT RANK

#### HON. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kinciadie Green of Dover, FL for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can earn. Only a small percentage of Boy Scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout. This honor requires years of effort to develop the necessary leadership, service and outdoor skills. To earn it, Kinciadie's project included a flag retirement and a fire pit for use by the veterans of AMVETS post No. 26. He built five Adirondack chairs, four benches and cleared an area around the fire pit. The leadership skills he has learned through the Boy Scouts already benefit our community and will continue to help in countless ways.

Kinciadie began his Scouting career as a Tiger Cub in Second Grade. He has been active in Scouting as well as his High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club and Junior Air Force ROTC organizations. He will represent his District for the second time this year at State FBLA competition.

On behalf of the Fifteenth Congressional District of Florida, congratulations again to Kinciadie Green for becoming an Eagle Scout. We are proud of his continued success and thank him for his dedication to making our community a better place.

### REMEMBERING DONALD F. "DON" STEVENS

#### HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Donald F. "Don" Stevens, a friend, a Patriot, and a pillar of his community, who went to be with the Lord on January 27, 2021.

In the history of every community, there are leaders whose work shapes that community for generations to come. Don was one such leader. He has been called "the right man for the time" as Cherokee County transitioned from a rural community in the foothills of North Georgia to a metropolitan center. Don believed in the simple values of hard work, enthusiasm, and positivity—attributes he would come to exemplify in the Cherokee County community.

A retired Delta Airlines pilot, Don carried his love for aviation into a second career as the Chairman of the Cherokee County Airport Authority, where he fought to lengthen the municipal runway so it could accommodate more air traffic and larger jets. He believed the airport

would be the gateway to bringing business into Cherokee County, and he was right. He loved planes, and he and his son maintained and flew a beautiful vintage Cessna 195, and often soared through the blue North Georgia skies.

Don also loved classic cars. He could often be found at a weekend car show or in a parade. He was well known for his jokes, as he did his best to bring a laugh or a smile wherever he went.

Don was a generous man who loved people and believed in second chances. He was an outspoken advocate for criminal justice reform; and, he worked to establish Cherokee County's DUI Court, which today helps many win their battles with substance abuse and regain control of their lives. Years ago, Don and his wife, Lila, began Cherokee Thanksgiving, serving holiday meals to those in need throughout the community. He also served on the board of the Cherokee Bank, was a volunteer firefighter, and has been recognized by the Chamber of Commerce as a "First Citizen" of Cherokee County.

Don is survived by his wife, Lila, son Keith, two daughters, Janet and Kelly, and six grandchildren, who will long remember his passion for people and the community, and will carry on his wonderful legacy. On behalf of Georgia's 11th Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, I commend and thank Donald F. Stevens for his life lived in humble service to the community.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE WASHINGTON CHANNEL PUBLIC ACCESS ACT

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the Washington Channel Public Access Act. This bill would prohibit the Secretary of the Army from finalizing, implementing or enforcing a proposed rule, or any other rule, that would restrict access to the Washington Channel (Channel) in the District of Columbia. The proposed rule is arbitrary, capricious and unnecessarily restricts recreational and commercial access to the Channel without providing any security benefits.

The proposed rule would establish a permanent restricted area in the Channel adjacent to Fort McNair, which would restrict access to the navigable portion of the Channel by narrowing the waterway where recreational and commercial vessels can traverse and prohibiting anchoring and mooring altogether. The U.S. Army Military District of Washington cites security needs at Fort McNair to justify the proposed rule.

Neighborhoods like the Navy Yard and the Wharf have reinvigorated community engagement on the waterfront, and the Channel is increasingly used for regional transportation and

recreation. The stretch of the Channel past Fort McNair is the only connection to the Potomac River. The proposed rule would likely force kayaks, paddleboards and recreational boats into the same space as water taxis and river cruise ships, creating a potentially dangerous situation.

I hosted a public meeting in which community members expressed overwhelming opposition to the proposed rule, but military officials did not address the question of whether less restrictive measures could provide the same security. I then wrote asking Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin to direct the U.S. Army Military District of Washington and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to withdraw the proposed rule and to prohibit these agencies from proposing a similar rule. In response, the U.S. Army indicated that the proposed rule will not be finalized until an appointee of President Biden can review it. Despite this positive response, this bill is necessary to ensure the proposed rule, or any other rule that would restrict public access, does not go into effect.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE HUMANE RESEARCH AND TESTING ACT OF 2021

#### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Humane Research and Testing Act of 2021. The exact number of animals used in federally funded medical research is unknown, but estimates range widely from 17 to 100 million animals utilized each year. Despite this widespread use, animal testing often fails to produce valid results predictive of human trials. In particular, more than 30 percent of candidate drugs fail human clinical trials because they are found to be toxic, despite promising pre-clinical studies on animals. On top of this, 65 percent of medications that advance to human trials fail due to lack of efficacy even after completing clinical trials on animals.

Fortunately, there have been important advancements in medical research methods over the past several years. Animal testing is therefore no longer necessary in the many circumstances where non-animal alternatives are available. Some of these human-relevant methods include synthetic skin, synthetic organs, and various methods of chemical toxicity testing that can decrease the number of animals used. Recognizing the need to promote alternatives, Congress passed the NIH Revitalization Act of 1993, which in part directed the National Institutes of Health to outline a plan for reducing the number of animals used in research. Unfortunately, little progress has been made since the passage of this law, and animals continue to be used extensively despite new and improved methods and mounting evidence that animal testing can often be

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ineffective. The delayed adoption of these viable alternatives means that every year several million animals are needlessly held in captivity and oftentimes senselessly harmed by experiments in the process.

To rectify this situation, I am introducing the Humane Research and Testing Act of 2021 alongside my esteemed colleague and good friend Congressman VERN BUCHANAN. This legislation establishes the National Center for Alternatives to Animals in Research and Testing within the NIH. First, the National Center will provide assistance, funding, and training to educate scientists in alternatives to the use of animals in research. The National Center will also facilitate collaborations that provide scientists lacking resources with access to human-relevant methods. Second, the National Center will be tasked with tallying the number of animals used in federally funded research. Scientists receiving federal funding and government agencies that use animals in research will be required to submit regular reports to the National Center that state the number of animals used in their research projects, disaggregated by species, and they will also be required to outline a plan for reducing the number of animals they use.

Madam Speaker, I urge the House to swiftly pass this legislation. The establishment of a new center dedicated to encouraging human-relevant alternatives to animal testing is needed, so that the NIH can meet its goal of reducing the number of animals unnecessarily harmed in research every year.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF KIERSTEN ENGLEBERT

#### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kiersten Englebert of Biglerville for her dedication to helping homeless veterans.

Kiersten, who holds the title of International United Miss Pennsylvania PreTeen, worked alongside fellow friends to provide vital items for her neighbors in need. She collected hygiene products, socks, hats, gloves and other items, filling 70 backpacks to support the work of local nonprofit For the Love of a Veteran.

Kiersten is an outstanding young woman who already has demonstrated great dedication to the people of Adams County. It is my pleasure to recognize Kiersten for this selfless work to serve our veterans in need, and I wish her continued success in this mission.

#### HONORING THE LEADERSHIP AND LEGACY OF MARIA CUNHA

#### HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mrs. TRAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the leadership and legacy of a mentor and a friend, Maria Cunha, who will retire as Associate Dean and Director of the Out of School Youth Development Program at Middlesex Community College. Her most recent

years at MCC have had an immense impact on students and faculty alike, advising and supporting them in their educational and vocational pursuits.

Maria was born in the Azores and moved with her family to the United States in 1967, eventually settling in Lowell among a vibrant, proud Portuguese community. After graduating from Lowell High School in 1974, she went to Regis College and became the first in her family to graduate from college four years later.

Public service has always guided Maria's career. She worked as a teacher, interpreter, and mentor serving on countless non-profit boards and dedicated her life to advocating fiercely for families, children, and immigrants in our community.

For twelve years at the International Institute, Maria helped families navigate government agencies on their path to becoming citizens and creating a new life in the Greater Lowell region. She carried that passion for advocacy to her next role as Constituent Services Director in former Representative Marty Meehan's District Office. There, she continued her mission to provide the highest quality services to our community and exemplified the nobility of service—picking up the phone and listening to someone in crisis and delivering assistance; not giving up on someone in need of a hand; and advocating for resources and laws that fix our broken, inequitable systems.

Over the years, Maria has served as a role model and mentor to so many, myself included. She is what we all should aspire to be as public servants—a shining and tangible example of how government, education, and community are supposed to work.

Even in retirement, Maria will continue to champion those who don't have a voice, her rich Portuguese heritage, and immigrants in search of a better life here in our community.

Through her many years of service, Maria has made the City of Lowell a better place to call home. Thanks to her efforts, the City's future is bright, and I join Lowell residents and so many throughout our region in thanking her for her dedication to this incredible community.

#### HONORING ROBIN MACH

#### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, most of us had that special teacher growing up who went the extra mile and left a lasting impression on us. All these years later a few still come to mind right away. Recently a Missouri teacher, Robin Mach who teaches preschool in the Meramec Valley R-III School District, gave a whole new meaning to "going the extra mile" and became a real-life hero when she donated a kidney to one of her students.

Kayleigh Kulage was born premature at 26 weeks weighing only 15 ounces. From her very first day on earth Kayleigh had to fight for her survival and persevere in the face of the longest of odds, including living the first five years of her life with failing kidneys. In the summer of 2019, a Doris Hoffman Early Learning Center teacher met Kayleigh Kulage at a dentist office in Pacific, Missouri and encouraged the Kulage family to apply for edu-

cational services. In the fall of 2019, Ms. Robin, as Kayleigh calls her, began providing in-home educational services to Kayleigh. One year later, Kayleigh met the criteria to be placed on the transplant list. Ms. Robin talked to the Kulages about the donation process and ultimately decided to get tested to see if she would be a match for Kayleigh. As fate would have it, the two were a match, and on February 3, 2021, Robin and Kayleigh had successful surgeries to complete the transplant.

Robin Mach began working with pre-kindergarten students in 1999 and has long been known for going above the norm for her students. Dr. Stephanie Bechard stated, "Ms. Robin has always had a very strong sense of community and supporting our students outside of school. She always thinks of others in need and sees how all things affect our students and families. Her heart for our students, families, and community is monumental."

Monumental is an excellent way to describe the selflessness Robin Mach has displayed. She risked her life for her student and in doing so changed lives of that little girl and her family forever. She is a true hero among us, and we are lucky to have her educating our students and our community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I was prevented from voting on the motion to recommit on March 9, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on the motion to recommit H.R. 842.

#### GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

#### HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 3, 2021*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1280—George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021. This legislation has been a long time coming and for many it has arrive too little too late. Our nation is a work in progress, and we will continue to fight for equality under the law in every and all aspects.

This essential legislation has critical provision including supporting the need for more deescalation training for police officers, something that I have long fought for and which has proven time and time again to work. The bill will also block the transfer of weapons of war to police departments, end the no-knock warrants that led to the murder of Breonna Taylor, ban choke holds that killed Eric Garner and George Floyd, and finally end qualified immunity which has shielded police officers from receiving justice for killing or injuring members of the community.

As a member of the Congressional Black Caucus but more importantly as a black mother, grandmother, and now great-grandmother,

I am so proud to be an original sponsor of the legislation.

Our communities are demanding action, calling for strong and effective action that will help not only prevent future tragedies between police and the communities they patrol, but also help increase trust and build safer communities.

This is a commonsense bill that deserves bipartisan support. This is the first step to making our union more perfect, and I urge all my colleagues to support it.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THRIVENT COMMUNITY-ADVENT PARTNERS

##### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Thrivent Community-Advent Partners team for their service to the Adams County community.

As an act of kindness for their neighbors, this group assembles and delivers care packages to patients who are undergoing cancer treatments in the Gettysburg Cancer Center and the Wellspan Adams Cancer Center. This tradition was established five years ago and has continued to be a service project shared by many community members. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Thrivent Community-Advent Partners team has taken extra care to safely assemble packages that include items such as masks, blankets, lotion, hand sanitizer, tissues, lip balm and other items. Despite challenges, they have persevered to continue this mission.

Thrivent Community-Advent Partners' commitment to community service is invaluable to the Adams County community. It is an honor to thank these Pennsylvanians for their commitment and highlight this invaluable work, and I wish them every continued success.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF WARREN PIERNER'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

##### HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor World War II veteran Warren Pierner as he celebrates his 100th birthday on March 13, 2021.

Warren grew up in Green Bay and attended Green Bay East High School. In 1942, he joined the United States Coast Guard, where he served in the Atlantic on a patrol frigate called the *Grand Rapids*, and in the Pacific on an attack transport called the *Aquarius*. Mr. Pierner ran the boilers on these ships for nearly four years and attained the rank of Water Tender 1st Class. Warren continued his service to his country and community as a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, where he worked for 36 years before his retirement in 1984.

After his military service, Warren began to build a family. He married Myra Larsen in 1948 and together they had 7 children during their 60 years of marriage until her passing in

2008. His family enjoyed the summers together fishing, swimming, and playing cards while camping or staying in a rented cabin in Northern Wisconsin. An avid sportsman and sports fan, Warren love to golf, bowl, fish, and swim. Mr. Pierner has been a longtime Chicago Cubs fan but makes up for it by being an ardent Green Bay Packers fan, UW Green Bay Phoenix fan, and Wisconsin Badger fan.

Beloved husband, father, and soldier, Warren is a tribute to the "Greatest Generation" and a grateful nation and state thank him for his service.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in applauding Warren Pierner for his service in WWII and wishing him a happy and healthy 100th birthday.

#### SUPPORT OUR MILITARY WORKING DOGS ACT

##### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I reintroduce the "Support Our Military Working Dogs Act" in commemoration of National K9 Veterans Day later this week. The United States K9 Corps was established on March 13, 1942.

Military working dogs serve with our troops on the front lines and provide recuperating services for our veterans and their former handlers. Caring for these dogs in the field and once they return home is our responsibility. The "Support Our Military Working Dogs Act" would ensure that our nation's military working dogs receive the best possible care and direct the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) to work with veterans' service organizations and other nonprofits to support their long-term veterinary care, once adopted by their former handler's into loving homes.

Specifically, the "Support Our Military Working Dogs Act" would authorize DOD to provide charitable support for retired or injured military working dogs after their adoption, by coordinating third-party donations to cover the cost of long-term veterinary care. The bill would also ensure that the U.S. government covers all transportation costs associated with transferring retired military animals, including horses, to their new adopted homes, building upon the success of the Military Working Dog Retirement Act of 2015.

Lastly, the bill for this Congress includes a new provision clarifying that DOD's Joint Trauma Education and Training Directorate may also conduct research on the treatment and avoidance of injuries for military working dogs. Former Congressman Ralph Abraham (R-LA) sponsored this provision as an amendment to the House-passed "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021," but it was ultimately removed during conference negotiations with the Senate. I am pleased to include this much-needed clarification in my bill.

As chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness, which has jurisdiction over military working dogs, I urge all members of the House to join me in cosponsoring this important legislation. Congress must support our K9 veterans during and after their service.

#### HONORING SUE WILSON AND THE HELPING HAND AS IOWANS OF THE WEEK

##### HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sue Wilson and The Helping Hand of Warren County in Indianola, Iowa for their aid to the underserved people of their community. Sue and The Helping Hand are the pinnacles of what it means to be an Iowan, and I wish to recognize them as my Iowan of the Week for their remarkable dedication to the betterment of their state.

The Helping Hand is a volunteer organization whose mission is to distribute food, clothing, and household items to residents in their community for no cost. While they have been serving the people of Warren County for years via their walk-in food pantry, they have begun outreach to expand their services to address underlying issues resulting in food insecurity such as substance misuse and mental health services.

The Helping Hand is expanding its network to multiple resources and services that its community members can utilize. Not only is it a support system for people who need food and clothing, it is also a resource for those who look to better their mental health as well, not just their physical.

Sue serves on Governor Reynolds' Advisory Council for Brain Injuries and has started to administer a voluntary brain injury screening tool to the community members that utilize The Helping Hand. While people are waiting in the food pantry line, they are invited to participate in the screening and are then asked a series of questions. This new programming is in the early stages, but Sue and The Helping Hand are hoping that they will soon be able to provide data of the percentage of people who have suffered from a brain injury and have limited resources to assist them in their betterment. So far, The Helping Hand has screened approximately 100 people in their food pantry line.

Sue and The Helping Hand's desire to better the lives of those in Warren County is inspiring. Whether it be facing food insecurity directly or distributing over one thousand boxes of food and supplies, they are setting the standards high on what it means to serve and be served within a community. Sue and The Helping Hand are constantly and consistently striving to better themselves and the people they serve, and they do this through complete devotion, an unwavering work ethic, and huge hearts. I am proud to recognize Sue Wilson and The Helping Hand of Warren County as my Iowan of the week.

#### CELEBRATING THE 110TH BIRTHDAY OF EL DORADO NATIVE, MRS. WILLIE BELL COGGINS

##### HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 110th birthday of El Dorado, Arkansas, native, Mrs. Willie Bell

Coggins. A Fourth District resident of over 70 years, Mrs. Coggins boasts a long life full of family and strong values which set her apart as joy to her community.

Born on February 25, 1911, Mrs. Coggins was born in Summerfield, Louisiana to Andy and Eula Davis. After marrying Woodrow Coggins on October 8, 1949, in El Dorado, they raised ten children together. Today, her large family boasts of 20 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

It was this beautiful, large family which inspired her to work so hard throughout her life. After her husband passed away in 1967, Mrs. Coggins continued to present a hard work ethic to provide for her family, creating a home where "everyone felt welcome." While this is mostly due to her cooking skills and her tremendous love of sports, according to her children, Mrs. Coggins always seeks to live her life in a way that is loving to all people. Her wisdom and innate love for her neighbors shine in her life motto: "no secrets, living right, not hating people, and obeying God."

I take this time today to celebrate the 110th birthday of Mrs. Willie Bell Coggins and wish her a life full of blessings. May we all look to her as the truest example of kindness, hard work, family, and love for our fellow man.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF WAYNESBORO SALVATION ARMY

### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Waynesboro Salvation Army upon the completion of a successful Red Kettle Campaign.

This year, the Waynesboro Service Unit of the Salvation Army continued its long history of supporting the "Do the Most Good" program that benefits the Waynesboro, Greencastle and Mercersburg communities. This year, the group overcame obstacles to not only achieve but exceed their goal. The Salvation Army attributes this success to the generosity of the community members and the help of volunteers who dedicated countless hours over a five-week period.

The Waynesboro Salvation Army is a valued part of our community and faithfully serves individuals and families in need. It is a pleasure to congratulate these Pennsylvanians on a successful Red Kettle Campaign and wish them every continued success.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I missed the vote on Roll Call No. 66 on March 9, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 66.

Additionally, on Roll Call No. 68, I mistakenly voted YEA and would like to correct my vote to a NAY.

#### HONORING BOYD McDANIELS III

### HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mr. MFUME. Madam Speaker, I rise this morning to call attention to the passing of First Sergeant Boyd McDaniels III, a Fellow Brother Mason and friend to all that would come to know him. His funeral services are taking place as I speak.

First Sergeant McDaniels was a dedicated and highly accomplished soldier who served in several high-profile conflicts, including Desert Storm I and II, Operation Iraqi Freedom and several other classified missions. A skilled soldier, Boyd rose through the ranks of the Army and served in both the famed 82nd Airborne Division and 101st Airborne Division and was also a trained marksman. He received his training in lithography at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he also served years later as a drill sergeant.

Boyd was a highly decorated veteran who served with great honor and distinction. During his service, he was the recipient of two Bronze Star Awards. Among his other military honors was a U.S. flag, Service Star, Office Star Professional Badge, Basic Marks, Quail Badge, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Badge, Parachutist Terrorism Service Medal, Meritorious Service medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award and the Army Good Conduct Medal.

The Army is also where Boyd met his future wife and the love of his life, Deborah, when they were both serving in Germany. He retired from the U.S. Military on June 1, 2003.

Boyd was also called to another type of service while serving in the military: becoming active in two fraternal organizations. While in Germany he joined the Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons of North America becoming the lodge's youngest ever "Most Worshipful Grand Master." He would later rise to the rank of 33rd degree. He was also a member of Shriners International.

Boyd was a huge Dallas Cowboys and avid South Carolina Gamecocks football fan. He also loved his Lamar High School Silver Foxes, his alma mater (Class of 1984). Gregarious, outgoing and the life of the party, Boyd loved to have a good time and wanted others to enjoy themselves as well.

Family was the most important thing to him. He talked to his mom every day and adored his wife and two sons. They were the center of his universe.

First Sergeant McDaniels leaves to mourn his passing a wife, Deborah McDaniels of Columbia, S.C.; two sons Bryan McDaniels of Columbia, S.C. and Ryan McDaniels of Rock Hill, S.C.; his parents, Rev. Boyd McDaniel, Jr. and Mamie Lee McDaniels of Darlington, S.C.; three siblings, Tara (Michael) Bines of Columbia, S.C., Zachary (Andrea) McDaniels of Baltimore, MD, Connie (Troy) McDaniels Williams of Florence S.C.; and sister-in-law Charlene Swain (David) and two brothers-in-law, Troy (Linda) Cummings and Ronald Cummings of Eatonton, GA. He also has eight nieces and nephews—Marcus, Kyla, Kelsen, Chelsea, Kiera, Kevs, Emma and Troy Jr. Mr. McDaniels was preceded in death by two siblings, Robin Lee Williams and Phillip "Ricky" Rueben.

May Boyd's soul rest in peace.

#### HONORING THE LIFE SAVING ACTIONS OF NOBLESVILLE POLICE OFFICERS

### HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor heroic actions taken by two police officers in my district, Officer Tiffany Bledsoe and Officer David Lindenschmidt of the Noblesville Police Department. Both Officers Bledsoe and Lindenschmidt were able to save lives in the early morning hours of February 27, 2021.

Officer Bledsoe was dispatched to a hotel with reports of an overdose. As the first officer on scene, Officer Bledsoe began chest compressions and rescue breaths before administering Narcan to the patient who then regained consciousness and began breathing again. About 20 hours later, a similar call came in, prompting Officer Lindenschmidt to respond to a report of an overdose. Officer Lindenschmidt also administered Narcan to the patient playing a vital role in avoiding an opioid overdose death.

The quick actions of Officers Bledsoe and Lindenschmidt saved lives that day. These two officers are examples of how our policemen and women serve and protect us every day. I am honored to commend their actions.

#### HONORING DR. WILLIE BLAIR'S LIFE AND LEGACY OF SERVICE

### HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mr. VARGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with Congresswoman SARA JACOBS, to honor Dr. Willie Blair. A Vietnam Combat veteran, former congressional staffer, and leader of the Black American Political Association of California-San Diego Chapter (BAPAC).

Dr. Blair was born in 1951 in Knoxville, Tennessee and was one of eight children.

He received a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Maryville College in 1973, attended Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island and was commissioned as a U.S. Naval Officer.

Dr. Blair served as a Naval Officer for eight years, including a tour of duty in Vietnam as a small boat leader, where he participated in the evacuation of Saigon and Cambodia in May of 1975.

After being honorably discharged in 1981, Dr. Blair moved to San Diego and earned a Master of Business Administration degree and a subsequent Doctorate in Humanities and Arts from Point Loma Nazarene University.

Dr. Blair was a special assistant to former Congressman Bob Filner, focusing on veterans' issues, including veteran homelessness, retiring in 2013.

As a San Diego community leader, Dr. Blair left a legacy of social justice and equity.

From 2008 to 2017, he served as board chairman for BAPAC, an organization that strives to ensure the Black community in San

Diego County remains a relevant economic, social, and political force in Southern California.

Dr. Blair strongly believed in the mission of BAPAC: to work for the maximum effective representations of Black people in the political, economic, and educational systems of San Diego County and find solutions to issues related to jobs, education, and healthcare.

In 2017, he was elected as BAPAC's President where he continued his work in civil and human rights and used his stature to promote quality leadership in the community.

Dr. Blair devoted his life to bridging the achievement gap for ethnic and minority groups and elevate the positive educational outcomes of disenfranchised communities.

Dr. Blair devoted his life to mentoring leaders in the black community ensuring status within the Democratic party and in other institutions and he was passionate about reaching common ground among Latinos, Asians, and other ethnic and minority groups.

Dr. Blair is survived by his daughter, U.S. Airforce Officer Deborah Smith, siblings Janet, Trece and Roger, and several nieces and nephews.

**HONORING FRANCESCO GENUARDI  
FOR HIS TENURE AS CONSUL  
GENERAL OF ITALY IN NEW  
YORK**

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor Francesco Genuardi, who after five years of admirable service as the Consul General of Italy in New York, has been designated Ambassador of Italy to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Mr. Genuardi, who is married with two daughters, is an Italian diplomat with over 27 years of professional experience. Born in Brussels on July 7, 1967, he graduated with a degree in Law from the University of Milan in 1991.

He joined Italy's diplomatic service in 1993, and for the next five years worked at the European Union's Directorate-General for Economic Affairs, where he dealt with international issues of importance associated with environmental protection and safety.

From 1998 to 2002, he served as Deputy Consul at the Consulate General in Buenos Aires, Argentina. From 2002 through 2005, he returned to his native Brussels to serve as First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Italy to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Mr. Genuardi returned to Rome in 2005 and began an eleven-year tenure at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, working with seven succeeding Ministers as a liaison officer for parliament. In 2014, Mr. Genuardi was appointed by then Minister Paolo Gentiloni to serve as head of the Office for Parliamentary Relations of the Italian Foreign Ministry.

In March of 2016, Mr. Genuardi was appointed Consul General of Italy in New York, covering the states of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, as well as the territory of Bermuda, which collectively have a population of nearly 100,000 Italian residents and over 3 million Italian Americans.

During his tenure at the Consulate General of Italy in New York, Mr. Genuardi demonstrated a special attention towards all of the Italian and Italian American people of New York and the Tri-State area by actively engaging with the many existing Italian and Italian American associations, and contributing to the creation of new interest groups related to culture, education, athletics, and more.

Mr. Genuardi also contributed greatly to the budding careers of young Italians and Italian Americans through the Consulate's "Meet the New Italians" program, a series of workshops and professional development seminars aimed at Italian professionals.

Mr. Genuardi's commendable tenure in New York and lifetime of diplomatic service leaves no doubt that he will take on his new role in Brussels with professionalism, grace, and resolve. His presence will be deeply missed among the Tri-State Italian American community. I am proud to rise today in recognition of the career and service of Francesco Genuardi, incoming Ambassador of Italy to the Kingdom of Belgium.

**IN RECOGNITION OF EDWIN  
GOTWALT**

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Edwin Gotwalt, a beloved member of the central Pennsylvania community.

Mr. Gotwalt was born May 20, 1936 in York County. His strong work ethic began early, as he took his first job at the age of six to help support his family. After a career as a manager at Giant Food Stores, he founded Mister Ed's Elephant Museum and Candy Emporium.

Mr. Ed owned and operated this iconic candy shop from 1975 until he retired in 2004. After his retirement, Mr. Ed sought out opportunities to encourage and mentor the next generation of the business community. He also was a dedicated member of the community. Mr. Ed served on many community boards, including his beloved Totem Pole Playhouse.

After a remarkable life, Mr. Ed passed away on February 26, 2021—the same day that marked his 54th wedding anniversary to his wife Patricia and the 46th anniversary of founding his business. It is a pleasure to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Ed Gotwalt for his many accomplishments and contributions to our region. I offer my condolences to his family, friends, and loved ones as they mourn this great loss.

**IN RECOGNITION OF MR. WILL  
BAKER**

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Mr. Will Baker as he retires after more than 40 years as director of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation

(CBF), the nation's premier nonprofit Bay watchdog. Guided by its mission to "Save the Bay," the CBF strives to ensure that future generations may have the privilege of enjoying this national treasure.

Mr. Baker began his career at the CBF as an intern in 1976, shortly after graduating from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. Just five years later, in 1981, he was appointed as the organization's next president. Under his leadership, the foundation has grown from a small organization with three staffers to the nation's largest independent conservation organization dedicated solely to saving the Chesapeake Bay. The CBF now boasts 300,000 members and 200 employees in offices located in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia. CBF oversees 16 separate environmental education centers throughout the region that host an award-winning program that has provided meaningful watershed experiences to more than 1 million students.

With Mr. Baker at the helm, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation has received well-deserved recognition for its outstanding work. Most notably, the CBF received the 1992 Presidential Medal for Environmental Excellence, the nation's most prestigious environmental accolade.

Mr. Baker has been recognized by organizations too numerous to mention in their entirety. He has received honorary degrees from the University of Baltimore, Washington College and St. Mary's College. He was presented the Circle of Excellence Award by The Daily Record, named to Baltimore Magazine's Power 50, and received the Speaker's Medal from the Maryland House of Delegates.

Outside of his work for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Mr. Baker has contributed his time and talents as a member of the Johns Hopkins Medicine Executive Committee, as a trustee to the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance and as a member of the Board of Visitors to the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

On a personal note, I have deeply enjoyed getting to know and working with Mr. Baker over the years. He is not just a passionate and effective steward of one of our nation's most precious resources, he is a kind and decent person. Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me today to honor the career of Mr. Will Baker. His commitment to the betterment of his community and to the Chesapeake Bay should serve as an example to us all.

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**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Friday I visited dedicated men and women of the South Carolina National Guard serving at McEntire Joint National Guard Base. McEntire serves critical state and national security missions, most recently spearheading the effort to quickly distribute Wuhan Virus vaccines. It is an excellent site for placement of F-35 aircraft.

McEntire is home to the 169th Fighter Wing "Swamp Foxes," some of the most capable pilots

in the Air Force and a valuable strategic resource, led by COL Akshai Ghandi. I appreciated being hosted by Major General Van McCarty whose leadership has been critical during this pandemic along with Phil Hamby, Director of Governmental Affairs.

I know firsthand of the patriotic service-members. As a grateful 31-year Army Guard veteran myself, with three Guard sons who have served in Iraq, Egypt, and Afghanistan.

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism. Our sympathy to the family of Sally Atwater, widow of the victorious political strategist, Lee Atwater.

# RECOGNIZING THE FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

## HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize, celebrate and honor the frontline healthcare workers of the great state of South Dakota.

Some of these South Dakota heroes are: Corey Rothrock, MD, John Shaker Labeeb Roufai, MD, Henri Roukoz, MD, Christal Nickole Starr Rousseau, MD, Ronald D. Rovang, MD, Alexander Vladimirovich Rovner, MD, Ryan Robert Rowberry, MD, Aviral Roy, MD, Patricia Lynn Roy, MD, James William Roy, MD, Joseph Michael Rozell, MD, Elizabeth Diane Rubin-Peck, MD, John M. Rud, MD, Nathan Paul Rud, MD, Bongsi Ayaana Natalie Rudder, MD, George Barrett Rudy, MD, Briana Marie Rueda, DO, John H. Rummel, MD, Anthony Jerome Rupp, MD, Richard J. Russell, MD, Paul R. Rust, MD, Sara Jeanne Ruter, MD, Veronica Yumo Ruvo, DO, Joshua Leighton Ryan, MD, Keith Aaron Ryan, MD, Jon G. Ryckman, MD, Mitchel L. Rydberg, MD, Kelly Wakter Ryder, DO, Muhammad Hamza Saad Shaukat, MD, Hussam Sabbagh, MD, Abraham Ernest Sabersky, MD, John D. Sabow, MD, Irony Cuervo Del Norte Sade, MD.

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MD, Larissa Lee Sanger, MD, Farhad William Sani, MD, Robert William Santa Cruz, MD, Robert N. Santella, MD, Ryan Thomas Santin, MD, Angelo Noel Santos, MD, Arvin Lopez Santos, MD, Sirumugai Saravanan, MD, Sarah Kathleen Sarbacker, MD, Adonis Siavash Saremi, MD, Ricardo Nestor Sarli, MD, Mohammad Sarraf, MD, Sally Hae-Ryun Sartin, MD, Adam Richard Sasso, MD, Douglas Thatcher, MD, Stanley Gene Sateren, MD, Alice Isome Sato, MD, Nancy Marlene Satur, MD, Hector Ivan Saucedo Crespo, MD, Rhiana Dawn Saunders, MD, Catherine Gennings Saxbe, MD, David Henry Saxon, MD, Elizabeth Saylor, MD, Alan James Sazama, MD, Michael Dominic Scahill, MD, Norman Avery Scarborough, MD, Alexander Schabauer, MD, Jamie S. Schaeffer, MD, Jacob Steven Schaeffer, MD.

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Emily Law, Lori Lawson, Stephanie Leader, Susan Leddy, Megan Leddy, Lisa Lee, Tara Lee, Melissa Lehr, Debra Leibel, Susan Leitheiser, Shelby Lemler, Sophia Lenter, Rebecca Leonard, Sarah Lepke, Alysia Lester, Tara Liddiard, Daniel Lindquist, Denise Lindsay, Donna Linke, Angela Lisburg, Tanya Llanque, Noreen Lloyd, Stacey Loen, Jenny Loepp, Margaret Loewen, Jacklyn Logue, Lisa Lubbers, Vicki Lubbers, Matthew Lutjens, Britany Lyle, Rachel Lynde, Rachele Lyons, Angela Maag, Angela Mackner, Melissa Magstadt, Matthew Mahal, Aimey Mahony, Marcia Mankin-McGee, Ryan Manson, Sheryl Marckstadt, Mary Ann Marrs, Kim Marshall, Kayla Martens, Roger Martin, Catherine Martin Frederick, Susan Matthew, Colleen Maurer, Lindsey Mayer, Crystal McCarty, Rebecca McCaskell, Catherine McCulley, Melinda McCusker, Kelly McDermott, Rebecca McDugle, Noelle McGee, Jennifer McGinnis, Julie McIntosh, Jenny McIntosh, Amanda McMillan, Amber McMillin, James McNeely, Teresa Mead-Hahn, Andrea Meekins, Barbara Meek-Thue, Paige Meester, Kayla Mehlhaf, Michelle Mehrer, Theresa Mehrman, Lynette Melby, Jill Melby, Sarah Menking, Kara Mergen, Aneta Mergen, Megan Merkel.

Natasha Meyer, Andrea Meyer, Michelle Meyers, Katie Michelson, Theresa Miiller, Sandra Miller, Catherine Miller, Brian Miller, Loral Mills, Heather Mitzel, Megan Moeding, Ashley Moisan, Rebecca Moke, Shelly Monnens, Kathryn Moore, Jennifer Morlang, Jessica Morrell, Susan Morris, Jill Moser, Leslie Moss, Rolf Muldbakken, Cynthia Mulder, Brooke Munk, Karen Murphy, Twila Mursu, Bonnie Murtha, Andrew Murtha, Jill Muth, Jane Mutschelknaus, Shawn Myhre, Paulette Nankivel, Kim Nearhood, Debra Nearman, Lindsey Nedved, Alisha Neises, Christopher Nelson, Christopher Nelson, Nicole Nelson, Cassie Nelson, Jessica Nelson, Mary Nemec, Salina Neuman, Kathryn Nevins, Theresa Newcomb, Jennifer Newman, Suzanne Newsom, Amy Newstrom, Arica Nickles, Kimberly Niemann, Elizabeth Niemeyer, Melissa Nietert, Samuel Niewenhuis, Amy Noonan, Elizabeth Nooney, Jessica Norder, Channing Nordin, Adam Norenberg, Eric Noyes, Kimberly Oberloh, Peggy O'Connor, Mary Olhausen.

Dana Olinger, Ashley Oliver, Jennalee Olsen, Lindsay Olson, Susan Olson, Rebecca Olson, Ross Olson, Colleen Oman, Amanda O'Neil, Elizabeth O'Neill, Andrea Orr, Charisse Ortman Brockmueller, Melody Otte, Hannah Otten, Vicki Owen, Cynthia Pallesen, Lindsey Palmer, Martha Pap, Karla Parkes, Donna Parry, Marie Patton, Lynn Paul, Bette Paulsen, Rachel Paulsen, Beata Pearce, Sarah Pearman, Andrea Pedersen, Anita Pendo, Arthur Pepper, Todd Persson, Megan Persson, Penny Petersen, Bonnie Petersen, Ericka Petersen, Andria Petersen, Lindsey Peterson, Bonnie Peterson, Lindsay Peterson, Anders Peterson, Jodi Peterson, Nathan Peterson, Robin PetersonLund, Nathan Pfeifle, Dania Phelps, Angela Pierson, Jill Pitz, Michele

Plooster, Ryan Poppe, Amanda Pospischil, Kristin Pratt, Brandi Pravecek, Korie Pravecek, Jessica Preheim, Stephanie Preister, Esther Preszler, Vanessa Pribil, Gabrielle Price, Ericka Privitt, Evelyn Provell, Charles Pugsley, Tammie Pulling, Kjerstin Purintun.

Dianna Puttmann, Michal Putzke, Marie Quaschnick, Sara Raabe, Kathryn Radigan, Rebecca Rakowicz, Dustin Randall, Daren Randall, Danielle Rathjen, Angela Ratzsch, Stacy Rausch, Jada Rausch, Cheryl Reagan, Rebecca Reausaw, Carmen Redlin, Traci Redmond, Jennifer Redmond, Cora Reid, Danielle Reiff, June Reiling, Jennifer Reiner, Amber Reints, Meggan Reisch, Nancy Reishus, Jennifer Reitsma, Tiffany Reitsma, Mitchell Relf, Betsy Rentschler, Nelinda Rhode, Susan Richards, Amanda Richter, Kristina Rieffenberger, Trisha Rieffenberger, Josie Ries, Maggie Riggs, Angela Riley, Andrea Rische, Carrie Rise, Jennifer Risse, Rebecca Risty, Rena Robbenolt, Lindsey Robinson, Shirley Roddy, Jamie Roder, Sarah Rodolph, Denise Roemen-Kramer, Michele Rohde, Kristin Rokusek, Tracy Romey, Gwenn Rosenau, Sherry Ross, Kristi Ross, Katlyn Rostyne, Joy Roth, Dione Rowe, Ryan Rowe.

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Over the past year they have faced challenges most of us cannot even imagine. They have shown incredible resolve in the face of adversity. They have shown us all how to seek positivity and hope in each day as we weather the storms that come our way.

I couldn't be more thankful to represent the incredible people across South Dakota and all over the nation who work hard each day, not for fame, not for recognition or for money, but for the betterment of their communities. This is what makes America strong. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize these hard-working individuals.

#### FOR THE PEOPLE ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 2, 2021*

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD the following letters of support from religious organizations for H.R. 1, as amended.

FAITHFUL DEMOCRACY,  
December 4, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,  
Minority Leader, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. MITCH MCCONNELL,  
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. CHARLES E. "CHUCK" SCHUMER,  
Minority Leader, U.S. Senate,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI, LEADER MCCONNELL, LEADER SCHUMER AND LEADER MCCARTHY: The Faithful Democracy interfaith coalition writes in support of the For the People Act, the transformational democracy reform bill that would help return power to everyday Americans. While we represent a diversity of beliefs and traditions, we unite around the common goal of creating a healthier, thriving democracy. The thirty national faith-based organizations and congregations below urge Congress to prioritize passage of this pro-voter, anti-corruption legislation in the 117th Congress to advance the nation towards that goal.

We recognize that, on a practical level, only a healthy, well-functioning democracy has the capacity to attend to the pressing needs that our faith calls us to address: the COVID pandemic, systemic racism, climate change, hunger, violence, poverty, healthcare and more. The challenges that face our nation are serious and deeply concerning—and include partisan gridlock among policy-makers. Faithful Democracy partners are committed to structural democracy reforms that lay a solid foundation for rebuilding our nation.

Democratic governance is the best existing system to peacefully hold a diversity of ideas, to enable healthy compromise among competing interests and to instill a sense of belonging among all its members. However, ours falls short since our democratic systems are open to manipulation by those seeking to amass power or undercut the common good for special interests.

The 2020 election has underscored the urgent need for transformational democracy reform. Across the nation, Americans experienced unprecedented voter suppression, historic levels of dark money spent to drown out the voices of everyday Americans, and rampant ethical abuses by special interests. The comprehensive For the People Act addresses many of these problems, opening the door for legislative solutions. The bill has three overarching goals: protect and strengthen the sacred right to vote, end the dominance of big money in politics, and implement anti-corruption, pro-ethics measures to clean up government.

This historic legislation passed the House of Representatives by a wide margin in March 2019 and was cosponsored by 46 members of the Senate. President-elect Joe Biden has stated that a "first priority" of his administration will be to lead on a comprehensive set of democracy solutions like those reflected in the For the People Act. House and Senate Democratic leaders have similarly said they will prioritize this once-in-a-generation legislation. The undersigned organizations with the Faithful Democracy coalition urge Congress to take bipartisan action on the election reform, anti-corruption and voting rights provisions encompassed in the For The People Act as a first priority in the new Congressional session.

Alliance of Baptists; American Friends Service Committee; Church World Service; Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces; Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes; Creation Justice



Ministries; Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Faith in Public Life; Faithful America; Franciscan Action Network; Friends Committee on National Legislation; Islamic Society of North America (ISNA); Hindus for Human Rights; Leadership Conference of Women Religious; Mormon Women for Ethical Government.

National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd; National Council of Churches; National Council of Jewish Women; NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice; Pax Christi USA; Polygon Education Fund; Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Office of Public Witness; Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice; Sadhana: Coalition of Progressive Hindus; Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team; Society of the Sacred Heart United States Canada Province; The United Methodist Church—General Board of Church and Society; Union for Reform Judaism; Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice; United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries.

FAITH IN PUBLIC LIFE,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MEMBER OF CONGRESS: On behalf of 40,000 faith leaders across the country, I write in support of the For the People Act, the transformational democracy reform bill that would help return power to everyday Americans. As people of faith, we believe every person's inherent dignity can only be upheld if every person's right to vote is ensured and protected. Therefore, we are urging Congress to prioritize passage of this pro-voter, anti-corruption legislation in the 117th Congress to advance the nation towards that moral goal. Along with prioritizing action on the For the People Act (H.R. 1), we call on Congress to also pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act (H.R. 4).

Our nation faces numerous pressing challenges like the COVID pandemic, systemic racism, the climate crisis, and healthcare inequities. We can only solve these problems with a healthy, inclusive democracy where all people have a voice. Leaders must take swift action to protect the right to vote and to strengthen our democratic foundations from abuse and manipulation by the powerful and the wealthy at the expense of the historically marginalized and most vulnerable people in our nation.

The 2020 election has underscored the urgent need for transformational democracy reform. Across the nation, Americans experienced unprecedented voter suppression, historic levels of dark money spent to drown out the voices of everyday Americans, and rampant ethical abuses by special interests in the 2020 elections. One sweeping bill, the For the People Act, addresses many of these problems.

The common-sense reforms in this legislation, which are deeply popular and have passed in many states and localities, aim to accomplish three overarching goals: (1) protecting and strengthening the sacred right to vote, (2) ending the dominance of big money in politics, and (3) implementing anti-corruption, pro-ethics measures to clean up government. For far too long, Black and Brown communities have been silenced through voter disenfranchisement and government prioritizing corporation interests above our communities needs. H.R. 1 would work to remedy centuries of injustice and advance racial equity in our country. This is a moral issue and Congress must act now.

This historic legislation gained momentum early in the 116th Congress, passing the House of Representatives by a wide margin in March 2019 and garnering cosponsorship by nearly half of the Senate upon introduction. President-elect Joe Biden has stated that a "first priority" of his administration

will be to lead on a comprehensive set of democracy reforms like those reflected in the For the People Act. Again, on behalf of Faith in Public Life, I urge Congress to prioritize bipartisan action on the For the People Act in the 117th Session.

Sincerely,

REV. JENNIFER BUTLER.

FRANCISCAN ACTION NETWORK,  
Washington, DC, November 25, 2020.

DEAR MEMBER OF CONGRESS: The Franciscan Action Network writes in strong support of the For the People Act (H.R. 1/S. 949), the transformational democracy reform package that would help return power to everyday American families. We strongly urge you to prioritize passage of this pro-voter, anti-corruption legislation in the 117th Congress. Along with the passage of the For the People Act, Congress must also prioritize the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act (H.R. 4) and legislation granting statehood to Washington, D.C. (H.R. 51).

The 2020 election has underscored the urgent need for transformational democracy reform. Across the nation, Americans experienced unprecedented voter suppression, historic levels of dark money spent to drown out the voices of everyday Americans, and rampant ethical abuses by special interests. One sweeping bill, the For the People Act, addresses many of these problems. This historic legislation passed the House of Representatives with unanimous Democratic support in March 2019 and was cosponsored by all members of the Senate Democratic Caucus. President-elect Joe Biden has stated that a "first priority" of his administration will be to lead on a comprehensive set of democracy solutions like those reflected in the For the People Act. House and Senate Democratic leaders have similarly said they will prioritize this once-in-a-generation legislation. In fact, several days after the election, Speaker Pelosi reiterated her strong support for the For the People Act by saying the House "will proudly pass our election reform, anti-corruption and voting rights legislation by passing H.R. 1 on the first day of the new Congress."

The common-sense reforms in this legislation, which are deeply popular and have passed in many states and localities, aim to accomplish three overarching goals: (1) protecting and strengthening the sacred right to vote, (2) ending the dominance of big money in politics, and (3) implementing anti-corruption, pro-ethics measures to clean up government. Without structural democracy reform, our nation will remain unable to fully address important substantive priorities for the American people, such as expanding affordable healthcare and stopping the spread of COVID-19, protecting the environment, and creating millions of good-paying jobs. As Franciscans, our shared Christian faith teaches us that we must recognize each person as a gift from God, and that we must emphasize the importance of the essential humanity and dignity of each person. And, as Pope Francis calls us to "meddle in politics" we interpret this concept as a requirement that all Americans must have an equal say in the public square.

Again, on behalf of the Franciscan Action Network, we ask you to ensure that the For the People Act is the first priority when the new Congress is convened.

Sincerely,

JASON MILLER,  
Franciscan Action Network,  
Director of Campaigns and Development.

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON  
NATIONAL LEGISLATION,  
Washington, DC, February 18, 2021.

DEAR MEMBER OF CONGRESS: We ask that you support and co-sponsor S. 1. Representa-

tive democracy is the very foundation of our nation. It is a foundation cracked with a legacy of exclusivity, the 3/5ths compromise, disenfranchisement, and suppression. Access to voting has been used to secure power for some and deprive it from others. As Quakers, we believe that there is that of God in everyone. No one has less value. Unfortunately, voter suppression undermines democracy and disproportionately affects Black and brown communities.

State legislative bills across the country have the effect of shutting out millions like voter caging in Ohio or poll closures in Georgia. For instance, the Georgia legislature has been proposing a number of measures to make it harder to vote like restricting new voters from voting in the runoff. We have seen similar restrictive measures across the country to avoid an electoral outcome and rig the process for one party. This is immoral.

Our democracy can live up to its potential only if the government ensures open access to public office and electoral processes; curbs the influence of money and corporate power; safeguards the integrity of the voting process without raising unnecessary barriers; provides full participation for disenfranchised people, including those currently and formerly incarcerated; and protects and secures electoral and voting procedures from foreign and domestic interference.

We need to expand voting rights to all Americans and take more measures to ensure the integrity of our elections. We must reduce voter suppression tactics like poll closures, exact match, signature match, voter-caging, and a number of other elements deceptively presented as measures to protect the voting process. The influence of big money in politics has a chilling effect on the electorate who cannot pay-to-play. That is why we, Friends Committee on National Legislation, urge you to support the For the People Act of 2021.

It is no secret there is an ever-growing trend of mistrust and frustration with government nationwide. The For the People Act offers a key opportunity to restore faith in American democracy.

Elements of S.1 that would go a long way to restore the integrity of our elections:

Establishes Election Day as a national holiday to allow everyone the vote

Institutes same-day and automatic voter registration

Simplifies and improves voter registration processes

Prohibits voter intimidation and voter-caging

Eliminates gerrymandering through redistricting commissions

Requires 15 consecutive days of early voting

Declares Congress' intent to protect access to native voters

Restores voting rights to the formerly incarcerated

Requires disclosure of donations above \$10,000 to organizations engaged in electioneering

Establishes small-donor financing, funded from fines on corporate malfeasance and tax crimes, to stop the deepest pockets from controlling the debate

Prohibits foreign money in elections via shell companies, social welfare organizations, or super PACs.

For far too long, flaws, or even active voter suppression, in our election system have been neglected. The Friends Committee on National Legislation supports the For the People Act because it reflects our belief that every American should have their voices heard through secure elections. Laws should include measures to assure voting rights and

political voice. We believe in an ethical government that works solely in the interest of the people. Quakers are united in our support for transparent and fair elections. We encourage you to support this legislation so we can actualize a more inclusive, secure, and moral democracy for today and generations to come.

Sincerely,

DIANE E. RANDALL,  
General Secretary, Friends  
Committee on National Legislation (FCNL).

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
OF WOMEN RELIGIOUS,  
January 6, 2021.

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) is deeply concerned about the state of our nation and the future of our democracy and we are committed to using our voice in the public square to speak about matters of justice and moral good. In this increasingly divided nation, we are called to take action to repair our democracy and contribute to the work of building a more perfect union. That is why we urge you to support the For the People Act.

We consider the protection of the rights of the people to free and fair elections, equitable and fair representation, and accountability for elected leaders to be among the most critical moral issues of our day. That is why we are urging Congress to prioritize passage of this pro-voter, anti-corruption legislation. That is why we are asking you to take immediate action on the For the People Act (H.R. 1) and the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (H.R. 4).

Only a healthy democracy has the capacity to attend to the pressing needs our faith, and our national values, call us to address: the COVID-19 pandemic, systemic racism, economic inequality, climate change, justice for migrants, hunger and poverty, violence of every type, access to healthcare and more. We must take swift action to protect voting rights, strengthen our democratic institutions, and put an end to manipulation by wealthy and powerful special interests at the expense of the historically marginalized and most vulnerable people in our nation.

The 2020 election underscored the urgent need for transformational reform. The For the People's Act coupled with the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act go a long way toward addressing the voter suppression, dark money and ethical abuses that threaten our democracy.

The common-sense reforms proposed in this legislation aim to accomplish three overarching goals: (1) protecting and strengthening the sacred right to vote, (2) ending the dominance of big money in politics, and (3) implementing anti-corruption, pro-ethics measures to clean up government. They will go a long way toward fixing our democracy.

On behalf of LCWR's 1300 members, who represent more than 32,000 Catholic sisters in the United States, we urge members of Congress on both sides of the aisle to prioritize bipartisan action on the For the People Act. We pledge to continue to work with all people of good will to promote the common good as we continue to build God's beloved community.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN,  
Washington, DC, December 4, 2020.

DEAR MEMBER OF CONGRESS: I am writing on behalf of the 180,000 advocates of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) in strong support of a transformational democracy reform package that would help return power to everyday Americans—For the People Act (HR1/S949). I urge you to prioritize passage of this critical measure in the 117th Congress.

The common-sense reforms in HR 1/S949, which are deeply popular and have passed in many states and localities, aim to accomplish three overarching goals: (1) protecting and strengthening the sacred right to vote, (2) ending the dominance of big money in politics, and (3) implementing anti-corruption, pro-ethics measures to clean up government. Without structural democracy reform, our nation will remain unable to fully address important substantive priorities critical amid a pandemic, including protecting and expanding affordable health care, stopping the spread of COVID-19, and ensuring jobs and wages that allow people to support themselves.

The 2020 election has underscored the urgent need for democracy reform. Across the nation, Americans experienced unprecedented voter suppression, historic levels of dark money spent, and rampant ethical abuses—all with the goal of drowning out particular voices. For the People Act addresses many of these challenges. NCJW was proud to support this historic legislation when it was first introduced. And, we were thrilled to mobilize our advocates in support of the bill, which passed the House in March 2019.

President-elect Joe Biden has stated that a "first priority" of his administration will be to lead on a comprehensive set of democracy solutions like those reflected in the For the People Act. With your support, we can help make these important improvements a reality.

Again, I hope you will make HR 1/S949, For the People Act, a priority when the 117th Congress convenes. Our democracy must work for everyone.

Sincerely,

JODY RABHAN,  
Chief Policy Officer,  
National Council of Jewish Women.

NETWORK LOBBY FOR  
CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE,  
Washington, DC, November 20, 2020.

Chairwoman ZOE LOFGREN,  
House Administration Committee,  
Washington DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE LOFGREN: NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice is writing to express our steadfast support for the For the People Act (HR1/S.949), the transformational democracy reform package that would lay the necessary foundation to heal and rebuild our nation. We strongly urge you to prioritize passage of this pro-voter, anti-corruption legislation in the 117th Congress. It is needed now, more than ever.

The 2020 election in COVID only underscored the urgent need for transformational democracy reform. Across the nation, Americans witnessed unprecedented voter suppression, historic levels of dark money spent to drown out the voices of everyday Americans, and rampant ethical abuses by special interests. We know that the For the People Act addresses many of these problems. The American people have shown that our democracy can still deliver, despite all of its shortfalls, and Congress must in turn strengthen and protect our democracy.

NETWORK Lobby is a social justice advocacy organization with a legacy of advancing the common good through federal policy; our work is predicated on a functional democracy that is accountable to the people. This accountability and responsiveness is diminishing as the influence of special interest and dark money in politics grows and as the voices of individual American voters are stifled through voter suppression and gerrymandering. Our democracy needs reforms to recognize and respond to the needs of the most vulnerable among us in the midst of a pandemic and an economic crisis.

The reforms in this legislation are popular with the American people and are already in place in many states and localities. This comprehensive package aims to accomplish three overarching goals: protecting and strengthening the sacred right to vote; ending the dominance of big money in politics; and implementing anticorruption, pro-ethics measures to clean up government. Without structural democracy reform to begin restoring the faith of the electorate in government accountability, our nation will remain divided and unable to overcome the multiple crises currently at hand.

The momentum gained in 2019 and the unanimous support by Democrats in both chambers must now be driven forward with fresh energy. President-elect Joe Biden has stated that a "first priority" of his administration will be to lead on a comprehensive set of democracy solutions like those reflected in the For the People Act. House and Senate Democratic leaders have similarly said they will prioritize this once-in-a-generation legislation. NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice—on behalf of our 90,000 members across the nation—is asking you to ensure that the For the People Act is a first priority when the new Congress is convened. These reforms are desperately needed and overwhelmingly desired by the American people.

Sincerely,

SR. SIMONE CAMPBELL,  
Executive Director,  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice.

SISTERS OF MERCY,  
Silver Spring, MD, February 19, 2021.  
Speaker NANCY PELOSI,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: The Sisters of Mercy of the Americas is a congregation of Catholic women religious committed to work in communion with others who seek a more just and inclusive world, and as such, we write in strong support of the For the People Act (H.R. 1/S. 1).

This democracy reform package is critical to overturning voter suppression that disproportionately disenfranchises Black, Latino and young Americans and to limiting the undue influence of monied interests.

The Sisters of Mercy believe "racism is an evil affecting us all." We work to mobilize sisters and associates in recognizing and dismantling institutional racism and believe that upholding the voting rights of marginalized Americans is a critical step towards dismantling the systemic racism that underlies so much of our nation's infrastructure.

It became all too clear over the past three months how fragile our democracy is. We came frighteningly close to an overturned election as President Trump and his loyalists, including many elected officials, demanded that ballots be discarded from cities with large Black populations. This played out to its logical end with the violent siege on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6th.

The common-sense reforms in the For the People Act aim to (1) protect and strengthen the sacred right to vote, (2) end the dominance of big money in politics, and (3) implement anti-corruption, pro-ethics measures to clean up government. Without structural democracy reform, our nation will remain unable to fully address important substantive priorities for the American people. These include expanding affordable healthcare and stopping the spread of COVID-19, eliminating systemic racism, protecting the environment and minimizing the threat of climate

change, and creating pathways to legal status for immigrants who are contributing members of our communities.

On behalf of the over 2300 Sisters of Mercy and the thousands of Mercy Associates across the United States, we urge you to demonstrate your leadership and ensure that the For the People Act is a priority in the 117th Congress.

Sincerely,

MARGARET CONLEY,  
*Director, Sisters of Mercy of the  
Americas Justice Team.*

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS  
FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE,  
*Washington, DC, February 8, 2021.*

DEAR MEMBER OF CONGRESS: We write in support of the For the People Act (HR1/S1), the transformational democracy reform bill that would help return power to everyday Americans. We consider fair representation and accountability for elected leaders to be a moral issue of utmost importance. After the January 6th attack on the US Capitol, the urgency of democracy reforms to address our broken systems could not be more apparent. We are urging Congress to prioritize passage of this pro-voter, anti-corruption legislation.

On a practical level, only a healthy, well-functioning democracy has the capacity to attend to any of the pressing needs our faith calls us to address: the COVID pandemic, systemic racism, climate change, hunger, violence, poverty, healthcare and more. On a moral level, leaders must take swift action to protect the right to vote and to strengthen our democratic foundations from abuse and manipulation by the powerful and the wealthy at the expense of the historically marginalized and most vulnerable people in our nation.

The 2020 election cycle and the insurrection on January 6th have underscored the urgent need for transformational democracy reform. Across the nation, Americans experienced unprecedented voter suppression, historic levels of dark money spent to drown out the voices of everyday Americans, and rampant ethical abuses by special interests. The number of Americans misled into questioning the results of a safe and secure election demonstrates the fragility of our democracy and the urgency of taking concrete actions to shore-up public trust. One sweeping bill, the For the People Act (HR1/S1), addresses many of these problems.

Our organization Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice focuses on four major issues, all of which would be helped significantly by fixing our democracy: economic justice, immigration justice, environmental justice, and democracy. This historic legislation has significant momentum in Congress with priority designation in both chambers. On behalf of UUSJ we urge Congress to pass the For the People Act (HR1/S1) quickly in the 117th Session.

Sincerely,

PABLO DEJESUS,  
*Executive Director.*

CHURCH & SOCIETY,  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,  
*Washington, DC, February 22, 2021.*

DEAR MEMBER OF CONGRESS: As General Secretary of The United Methodist Church's General Board of Church and Society, I write in support of the For the People Act (HR1), the transformational democracy reform bill that would help our political system be protected by strengthening the power of everyday Americans to determine our nation's leaders. Our ministry of justice and peace is connected to communities of faith across the United States and around the world who consider fair representation and accountability for elected leaders to be a moral issue of ut-

most importance. I am urging Congress to prioritize passage of this legislation which increases the overall transparency and effectiveness of our democratic systems.

The General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church is the public policy agency of The United Methodist Church, a global denomination with more than eight million members in the United States.

We, as a denomination, understand that the strength of our political life together is determined by "the full and willing participation" of its citizens (2016 Book of Discipline, ¶164a "Political Responsibility").

The United Methodist Church affirms the right to vote for all adult citizens as a basic human right.

"We hold governments responsible for the protection of the rights of the people to free and fair elections . . . The form and the leaders of all governments should be determined by exercise of the right to vote guaranteed to all adult citizens." (2016 Book of Discipline, ¶164a "Basic Freedoms and Human Rights.")

The United Methodist Church calls for a vision of beloved community founded on economic and racial justice, including strengthening voting rights protections, in light of continued systemic racism that threatens to undermine provisions for fair and free elections for all citizens.

The For the People Act (HR1) makes sure that every citizen is able to exercise their civic duty free of voter suppression and murky campaign financing.

Too many Americans, particularly in communities of color, have been unjustly prevented from exercising their right to vote through extraordinary and deeply discriminatory voter suppression laws. Strong and dedicated community leaders are prevented from pursuing public office simply because of the overwhelming financial burden of running a campaign. On top of these deep systemic issues, the number of Americans in the 2020 election cycle misled into questioning the results of a general election with historic voter turn-out demonstrates the fragility of our democracy and the urgency of taking concrete actions to shore-up public trust. The For the People Act (HR1) addresses many of these problems.

The common-sense reforms in this legislation, developed through years of bi-partisan efforts and passed in many states and localities, aim to accomplish three overarching goals: (1) protecting and strengthening the right to vote, (2) reducing the influence of big money in politics, and (3) implementing anti-corruption, pro-ethics measures.

This historic legislation has significant momentum in Congress with priority designation in both chambers. As a United Methodist faith leader, I urge Congress to pass the For the People Act (HR1) quickly in the 117th Session.

Sincerely Yours,

REV. DR. SUSAN HENRY-  
CROWE,

*General Secretary, General Board of Church  
and Society, The United Methodist  
Church.*

IN RECOGNITION OF W. GENE  
KELLY

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of W. Gene

Kelly. Gene passed away on February 17, 2021 after a lifetime of service to the Blair County community.

Gene lived in Martinsburg, Pennsylvania for most of his life. He graduated from Martinsburg High School and attended college at Pennsylvania State University. After college, he worked for the Altoona Area School District for 25 years as an elementary school teacher and principal.

Additionally, Gene served our great nation for six years in the U.S. Army Reserves, and he also founded the W. Gene Henry Mobile Home Parks in Martinsburg.

Throughout his life, Gene was dedicated to community service. He made generous contributions to support the Martinsburg Borough Municipal Building and Police Station, as well as the Martinsburg Volunteer Fire Company. He contributed to many community projects, including highway widenings, the Morrisons Cove Memorial Park, and a pair of buildings in the Fairview Cemetery.

Gene was an admirable, generous, and faithful member of our community. It is my privilege to honor Gene Kelly's life and legacy, and to recognize his many contributions to our nation and region.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HOT  
SPRINGS NATIVE, CLAY FARRAR

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Hot Springs public servant and historian, Mr. Clay Farrar. He passed away on February 27, 2021, leaving behind a community which mourns the passing of a leader, a servant, a mentor, and a friend.

For nearly 50 years, Mr. Farrar worked on a variety of projects around the Hot Springs community. As a partner at Farrar and Williams PLLC, he specialized in trust and estate planning. Serving as Chairman of the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce in 1988, Mr. Farrar became instrumental in the development and success of Hot Springs. He was considered an expert in local history, producing a series on the National Park Rotary Club, writing monthly columns of local history for the Hot Springs Sentinel-Record, and contributing to the Garland County Historical Society. In 1985, Mr. Farrar had a profound impact on the preservation of Hot Springs National Park's designation when efforts were made to return it to its original designation as the Hot Springs Reservation. Even after his retirement, Mr. Farrar continued to serve as chairperson of the committee tasked with the repurposing of the ACTI Complex, or the Army/Navy Hospital, which graces the Downtown Hot Springs skyline.

In addition to his life of service for his beloved city, Mr. Farrar was known to be an inspiration and a mentor to many in the community, teaching the power of devotion and hard work through each project he tackled. It is from men like Mr. Clay Farrar that we can discover the importance of learning from our own history to define our future. From him, we derive the definition of true servant leadership.

I take this time today to honor the life of service exemplified by Clay Farrar. I thank him

and his family for their dedication to our fellow citizens and our beloved Fourth District.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MITCH RUSSELL

#### HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mitchell Lee Russell who passed away at the age of 67 on February 23, 2021. Mitch was the embodiment of a model public servant, striving to serve the citizens of Hamilton County. He protected his fellow citizens for over 30 years before retiring in 2006.

Mitch started his career following in the footsteps of his older brother, Richard, who was also a police officer. Mitch began his service in Arcadia, Indiana as a Deputy Marshal. He then went on to serve in the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department where he spent 29 years, rising to the rank of Lieutenant before retiring. His service to his community did not end with retirement as he was appointed Marshal of the Arcadia Police Department. In 2012, his service continued when he took a job as director of Security for Riverview Health in Noblesville, where he served until his passing.

His public service also extended beyond law enforcement. Mitch served as President of the Arcadia Town Council, a member of the Kiwanis Club, a board member of the Arcadia baseball and softball board, and as a coach for his children and grandchildren. The town of Arcadia has always been very close to his heart.

On behalf of the 5th District, I offer my deepest sympathies to Mitch's wife of 37 years, Melanie Anne, the Russell family, and the community of Arcadia.

### NORTHERN MARIANAS FAMILY ASSISTANCE ACT

#### HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the Northern Marianas Family Assistance Act. This legislation will make long overdue amendments to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANF") program to include the Northern Mariana Islands.

The TANF program provides a lifeline to low-income families with children to meet ongoing needs. Benefits such as childcare, workforce education and training, and food assistance gives families a chance when times get tough. But the benefits of this block grant program are not available in the Marianas.

My bill addresses this inequity.

As we continue to address the economic challenges caused by the coronavirus pandemic, inclusion in the TANF program would ensure that working families with children in the Marianas can continue to put food on the table and have a roof over their head.

### RECOGNIZING JUSTIN GRAY

#### HON. YVETTE HERRELL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Ms. HERRELL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge this year's winner of the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association's Livestock Inspector of the Year award. District Supervisor Justin Gray has served his community and his team diligently and is well deserving of this award.

After graduating from Clarendon College in Texas with a major in Ranch and Feedlot management, Justin began his career with the New Mexico Livestock Board in 2014. In 2020, he was promoted to District Supervisor. Justin demonstrated his diligence when he responded to an overturned livestock vehicle on U.S. 70. According to a New Mexico State Police Officer on the scene, "Justin Gray responded to the incident and presented himself in an excellent manner. He assisted in the removal of deceased and live cattle from the overturned trailer for approximately six hours without any complaint. Inspector Gray worked tediously from start to finish of the incident." Stories like this one exemplify Justin's hard work and dedication and I congratulate him on this award.

### HONORING JOSEPH VAUGHN FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AS DI- RECTOR AT THE W.G. (BILL) HEFNER VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER

#### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph Vaughn for his 16 years of service, including three years as Director at the W.G. (Bill) Hefner Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Salisbury, North Carolina. I have seen his extraordinary leadership firsthand and know how much he means to this community and to our veterans.

Mr. Vaughn began his career in 1983 with the United States Navy, where he served for ten years and completed four Mediterranean cruises before being awarded the Navy Achievement Medal. He retires today after over a decade of combined service at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

After being appointed Director on March 19, 2018, he immediately began the important work that would one day transform both the Salisbury VA and the surrounding community. Mr. Vaughn led implementation of the VA MISSION Act, saw facility complexity increase from 1c to 1b, opened ambulatory surgery at VA Health Care Centers in Charlotte and Kernersville, saw the Community Living Center obtain a 5-star quality rating for multiple rating periods, and stimulated major improvements in Hospital Rating (HCAPS). In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Mr. Vaughn's quick actions saved many lives and protected countless others through mass vaccination events.

Renee and I would like to extend our most heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Vaughn for his

years of exemplary service at the Salisbury VA. I know I speak for our entire community in wishing him continued success and happiness as he moves on to his next great adventure.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Joseph Vaughn upon his retirement as Director at the W.G. (Bill) Hefner Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

### HONORING THE BRAVE AND LIFE SAVING ACTIONS OF ANDERSON POLICE OFFICER JOE TODD

#### HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic actions of Anderson Police Officer Joe Todd, who is being credited with saving a life on January 31, 2021. Officer Todd, like so many of our great police officers, put himself in harm's way to serve and protect a citizen.

Officer Todd observed a house fire in progress around 9:00 p.m. that evening. He approached the scene and noticed a woman standing on the front porch with the door open as the flames engulfed the house. Officer Todd ran to the distraught homeowner and asked if there was anyone else inside. The woman then ran back inside the house, visibly shaken by what was occurring. Officer Todd ran after the woman into the burning house and carried her to the front yard to safety.

Our police officers put their lives on the line everyday to serve and protect their fellow citizens. Officer Joe Todd is an example of the selfless work these men and women do every day. On behalf of Indiana's 5th District, it is my honor to commend these brave actions.

### IN RECOGNITION OF OPEN HANDS MINISTRIES

#### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Open Hands Ministries of Stahlstown, Pennsylvania for its service to the Westmoreland County community.

To help families struggling to buy clothes for young infants, Open Hands Ministries began a program in 1994 to donate necessary items to families in need. Each donation includes a crib blanket, a receiving blanket, diapers, onesies, sleepers, bibs, hats, and socks. These contributions have helped thousands of families as they welcome a new addition into their home.

Over the years, the volunteers at Open Hands Ministries have donated almost 11,000 layettes to area families. I thank the volunteers at Open Hands Ministries for their decades of service to southwestern Pennsylvania, and wish them continued success in this vital mission.

### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4,

1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## MARCH 15

6 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on the policy and legal rationale of U.S. airstrikes in Syria.

SVC-217

## MARCH 16

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States Southern Command and United States Northern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2022 and Future Years Defense program.

SD-G50

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine ways to strengthen research and development in innovative transportation technologies with a focus on solutions that decrease emissions, reduce our reliance on foreign supply chains, and increase manufacturing in the United States.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the effect of the U.S. tax code on domestic manufacturing.

WEBEX

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Julie A. Su, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

SD-106

2 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the state of housing in America.

WEBEX

## MARCH 17

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Florida, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, and Rachel Leland Levine, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, and other pending calendar business.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 231, to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop guidance for firefighters and other emergency response personnel on best practices to protect them from exposure to PFAS and to limit and prevent the release of PFAS into the environment, S. 272, to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, to require the budget justifications and appropriation requests of agencies be made publicly available, S. 583, to promote innovative acquisition techniques and procurement strategies, S. 517, to provide for joint reports by relevant Federal agencies to Congress regarding incidents of terrorism, S. 636, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to submit to Congress an annual report on projects that are over budget and behind schedule, S. 522, to require each agency, in providing notice of a rule making, to include a link to a 100 word plain language summary of the proposed rule, S. 111, to establish the Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Best Practices, S. 566, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42 Main Street in Slatersville, Rhode Island, as the "Specialist Matthew R. Turcotte Post Office", H.R. 208, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 West Main Street, Suite 102 in Tupelo, Mississippi, as the "Colonel Carlyle 'Smitty' Harris Post Office", H.R. 264, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1101 Charlotte Street in Georgetown, South Carolina, as the "Joseph Hayne Rainey Memorial Post

Office Building", an original bill entitled "Federal Agency Customer Experience Act", an original bill entitled, "No Congressionally-Obligated Recurring Revenue Used as Pensions to Incarcerated Officials Now Act", an original bill entitled, "National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium Act", an original bill entitled, "Venezuelan Contracting Restriction Act", and an original bill entitled, "Duplication Scoring Act".

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine recent Federal actions to expand broadband.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife

To hold joint hearings to examine the challenges facing drinking water and waste water infrastructure projects.

SD-G50

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine advancing effective U.S. policy for strategic competition with China in the twenty-first century.

SD-106

11 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the income and wealth inequality crisis in America.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the Paycheck Protection Program, focusing on performance, impact, and next steps.

SR-301

## MARCH 18

10 a.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To resume joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of veterans services organizations.

WEBEX

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the SolarWinds supply chain attack, focusing on the Federal perspective.

SD-342/WEBEX